

WELCOME TO THE NINTH SEMI-ANNUAL SPR STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is created by the SPR Committee to Promote Student Interests and is sent to current and recent student and full SPR members.

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I. ANNUAL SPR CONFERENCE: SAVANNAH!

This year, SPR will be held in Savannah, Georgia from October 17-21, 2007 at the [Hyatt Regency Savannah Hotel](#). Registration, travel, and other conference-related information will be mailed out in late

May. Don't forget to submit your abstracts by **May 1st, 2007**. Abstracts can be submitted online by clicking [here](#). We look forward to seeing you all there! Please take the time to read through some of the exciting things that we are working on bringing to this year's meeting. Also, don't forget to check out the featured section below on Savannah highlights!

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Special Announcements for Students

Be sure to submit your abstracts so you can be eligible for a Tursky Poster Award (to be judged at the conference). What a great opportunity to boost your CV and get the recognition you deserve. Make sure you check the appropriate boxes when submitting your abstract to make sure you are entered into the competition! To see previous award winners, please click [here](#).

The SPR Student Travel Award program will again be in place this year. The intent of the SPR Student Travel Awards is to assist students without other means of travel support to attend and present research at the SPR annual meeting. For the 2007 meeting in Savannah, 30 awards of \$500 each will be available for student members presenting at the SPR meeting. Among these 30 awards, 15 will be reserved for non-North American members (unless there are insufficient applications from non-North American student members). To be included in the lottery for one of these awards, you simply may fill out a brief online application on the SPR website at the time of abstract submission. This application is embedded within abstract submission page.

Any student member who lives further than 500 miles from Savannah, and who is the first author on a poster or paper accepted for presentation at the SPR annual meeting is eligible. Current SPR members must be up to date with dues, but prospective members that apply and pay dues by the time of poster or paper submission deadline will be eligible. For full details on eligibility, please see [this page](#) for more details.

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Don't forget that there are plenty of opportunities to meet and mingle with other SPR students and members. Here is just a brief sampling of some of the special interests lunches, dinners, and meetings in the works:

The Student Social - A "can't miss"! Time and location will be finalized as the meeting draws near.

The Open Dinner Meeting with the Committee to Promote Student Interests - We were ecstatic to see so many students attend last year's dinner! All SPR student members are welcome to attend. Do you have suggestions for improvements in student outreach? Would you like to work with one of our many subcommittees on issues relevant to your research? Please come with your appetite and opinions! Let's break last year's attendance record! Time, date, and location will be announced as we get closer to the meeting.

Early Careers Conversation Hour - An informative meeting with a panel of SPR investigators at different career levels who share advice, tips, and tricks of the trade; followed by an hour of small group discussion tailored for students at different levels of their careers. A must attend for any student approaching the 'real world'! If you're interested in attending please keep your eyes peeled for more information in the next newsletter, and start jotting down your questions! Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 18th from 8:15 to 10:15 pm.

Special Interest Lunches & Dinners - These events are a wonderful way to connect with others who share

your research interests. Typically, the events are organized on an ongoing basis and are announced in various ways (over email, on the website, and posted on the message board at the conference), so keep checking back for topics that pique your special interest. Remember, these are typically no-host meals, which means bring your own funds.

W.I.S.E. - The Committee to Promote Student Interests will be hosting a luncheon focused on Women and Science. Please email [Andrea Chambers](#) if you have any comments, suggestions, or thoughts for this year's event. Additionally, if you would like to join the W.I.S.E. listserv, please email John Hofmann (jhofmann@reesgroupinc.com) of SPR's management group with the subject "Subscribe SPR-WISE." Once you've signed up, you can share your ideas regarding how SPR might best serve its female members.

If you received a Tursky Award at last year's meeting, and don't mind sharing it with the SPR community, please email your poster to the [Jenny Robinson](#), chair of the Student Web Subcommittee. We would love to show off your brilliance!

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II. SAVANNAH: SIGHTS TO SEE, THINGS TO DO!

Start planning your trip to Savannah today! Special thanks to Eynav Accortt, our student host, for putting together this wonderful guide of places to eat, things to do, and sights to see. Be sure to try and squeeze in some of these local attractions during your visit:

Lodging:

As Savannah is considered a top U.S. 'walking' city, it is important to book lodging within the Historical District - SPR's preferred hotel, the Hyatt is located within this district. However, if you are looking for alternative lodging for a more 'local' feel and often cost effective trip, consider rentals by owner. The preferred agent for these rentals is Savannah Getaways. Rentals can be viewed at [here](#) (choose browse rentals, browse ALL listings and then choose the number of bedrooms, bathrooms, location etc., email to inquire about the rates and availability, and you may want to inform them if you will be female and traveling alone, as they do attempt to place you in a safe area. My preference is to stay closer to Bull Street, preferably East, and North of Gaston as the area is always hopping with tourists (areas nearer to Forsyth Park tend to grow a little shady after dark).

Good Eats (By Location):

- Along River Street:
 - [Boar's Head](#): (1 North Lincoln St.) New American cuisine with a Southern flair. Reservations are recommended.
 - [Shrimp Factory](#): (313 E. River Street) A casual, friendly, fine dining restaurant overlooking the Savannah River, where you can "Watch The Ships Go By!"
- East Bay Street:
 - [B. Matthew's Eatery](#): (325 E. Bay Street) Home of the famous blackeye pea cake sandwich.
- East Broad Street:
 - [The Pirate's House](#): (20 E. Broad Street) Has an excellent lunch buffet. Arrrrrh!
- City Market:
 - [Belford's](#): (315 W. St. Julian Street) Seafood and steak! Casual fine dining.
- Bull Street Between Chippewa and Madison Squares:

- **Six Pence Pub:** (245 Bull Street) You can drop into this authentic-looking English pub for pub grub along with homemade soups, salads, and sandwiches. On Sunday an ale-and-mushroom pie is featured. Drinks are discounted during happy hour Monday through Friday 5 to 7pm. It's open Sunday through Thursday 11:30am to midnight, Friday and Saturday 11:30am to 2am.
- Other:
 - **Lady & Sons:** (102 W. Congress Street) Food Network chef Paula Deen's restaurant! Usually a long wait—reservations may be made at the door in advance for lunch starting at 9:30am and for dinner at 3:30pm .
 - **Mrs. Wilke's Dining Room:** (107 W. Jones St.) Family style seating, Southern home cookin'!

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Places to Go & Things to See

Shopping: Savannah has several excellent little shops at Factor's Walk on East Bay Street. On River Street, more touristy gifts can be found. City Market also has several galleries with a mix of tourist shops as well. Don't forget to visit museum gift shops such as the [Telfair Museum of Art](#) on Telfair Square and [Davenport House](#) on Columbia Square. Savannah also has shopping malls located along Abercorn Street.

Places to go: For first-time visitors, I would highly recommend taking a [Grayline tour](#) (approximately 2 hour tour of the district with 'on and off' privileges and free admission to a house or museum, ~\$20-25).

You may consider driving to [Tybee Island](#), ~12-14 miles away to see the Tybee Island Lighthouse and a view of the Atlantic.

Don't forget to take a ghost tour! I highly recommend '[Ghost Walk, Ghost Talk](#)' (~\$10 for 90 minutes)...Just a stroll around the district with a storyteller. They are the most entertaining and supposedly, the most "legitimate".

Visiting the cemeteries also is very interesting in order to grasp the history. Bonaventure Cemetery (located off Victory Drive) is absolutely beautiful. Laurel Grove (off MLK) and Colonial Park (in the District) also is the final resting place of many of Savannah's prominent.

Travel down a drive lined with Live Oak trees at the Historic Wormsloe Site located on the Isle of Hope just off Skidaway Road.

Please click [here](#) for a map of the district.

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III. UPDATE FROM THE INTERVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

The interview committee is working hard to bring an informative interview by Dr. Andreas Keil. Dr. Keil was recently hired by the University of Florida and is currently working with Peter Lang on studying emotions and attention. Dr. Keil will be a very informative interviewee, as he can give students insights into job interviews, what to do when you are hired and also to discuss some of the differences between working in the US and Germany. Stayed Tuned!

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IV. UPDATE FROM THE POSTDOCTORAL "STUDENT" SUBCOMMITTEE

We are currently planning the 2007 Early Careers Conversation Hour. If you have any questions or would like to help with planning the conversation hour, please contact Cat Norris (norris1@wisc.edu) or any member of the postdoctoral subcommittee. So far, here are the details:

Date: Thursday, October 18th

Time: 8:15 to 10:15 pm

Location: TBA

Format: First hour will be an informal question and answer session During the second hour we will break into the following small groups:

- Early grad students - topics might include tips for the dissertation, CV development, student funding opportunities, writing tips, etc. Transition grad students/postdocs - topics might include information on job searches, how to decide what type of position to apply for, funding (NRSA, K awards), etc.
- New faculty - topics might include tips for mentoring students, developing your own line of research, promotion and tenure, balancing work and life, etc.

This third group is relatively new this year and should be useful for junior faculty.

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V. UPDATE FROM THE STUDENT WEB SUBCOMMITTEE

Greetings SPR student members! The Student Web Subcommittee is currently soliciting all 2006 Tursky Award Winners to submit their posters to [Jenny Robinson](#). All poster will be placed on the website in .ppt or .pdf file. Also, please be on the lookout for several changes in the upcoming months - we plan on adding an Early Careers Resource Page in addition to a W.I.S.E. website. If you have any comments, suggestions, or thoughts regarding the direction that either of these web partitions (or the main student site) should go, please feel free to contact Jenny. Hope you are all doing well and having a beautiful spring!

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VI. UPDATE FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

Looking to broaden your horizons? Consider SPR's exchange program, where you can swap labs with another PhD student. Check it out [here](#), or add your lab to the list of potential participants.

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VII. UPDATE FROM THE CLINICAL PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Are you interested in research that integrates psychophysiology and clinical science? Do you conduct basic psychophysiology or fMRI research that has clinical applications? Do you employ psychophysiology or fMRI methods to study clinical populations? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should consider joining the Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee. The aims of this committee are to create networking opportunities among clinical psychophysiologicalists, to facilitate discussions about clinical applications of psychophysiology and fMRI research, and to stimulate collaborations among clinical

psychophysicologists across the globe. If you are interested in joining the Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee, please join us at the meeting!

Last year at the SPR Convention in Vancouver, we were very fortunate to have Professors John Allen and Jim Coan join us for the Clinical Psychophysiology Luncheon. This year at the SPR Convention in Savannah, we will continue this tradition and invite several prominent clinical psychophysicologists to share their knowledge and experience with the Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee. Please stay tuned for further details, which will be posted on the SPR Convention website. We hope you will join us in Savannah for the 2007 Clinical Psychophysiology Luncheon!

VIII. MEMBERS OF THE SPR COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE STUDENT INTERESTS

Are your needs being met? Please feel free to contact members of the committee with suggestions, questions, comments, or to bond with a fellow psychophysicologist, click below...

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